

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 4545**  
Takemori TAKAYAMA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2005\_2071A  
Serial No. 10/563,437 : Group Art Unit 1793  
Filed January 5, 2006 : Examiner Deborah Yee

SINTERED SLIDING MEMBER AND  
CONNECTING DEVICE

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**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of April 23, 2009, Applicants hereby elect Group I, which is drawn to a sintered sliding member comprising a back metal and a ferrous sintered sliding body comprising martensite phase having a particular composition is embodied by claims 1-3 and 15-35.

Having made the required election, a full examination on the merits of the elected group is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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